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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Director, Strategic Warning Staff

SUBJECT:

Memo Regarding Overview Section in the
SWS Monthly Report

1. Thank you for your memo explaining the purpose of the new overview section in the SWS Monthly Report. I think it is a timely and effective reminder to recipients that the political situation clearly effects the environment in which the military warning indicators have to be read. I think your summary is a balanced and thorough review of a very complex subject.

2. I have only two suggestions to make, one general and one specific. In the interest of brevity you might in the future want to confine the overview to one or two specific areas rather than attempting to cover the entire spectrum. Secondly, and specifically, I wonder if you are correct in concluding [redacted]

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3. On the whole, I think you have made a useful innovation and would be interested in hearing how others react.

Cord Meyer, Jr.
Assistant to the DDCI

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Washington, D.C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CORD MEYER, ASSISTANT TO THE DDCI

1. I would like to call your attention to the new "overview" section in the SWS Monthly Report. Its main purpose is to give greater attention to the non-military dimensions of strategic warning and to provide regular evaluations of Soviet, Chinese, and North Korean perceptions and intentions as a background for examining strictly military developments. The monthly overview, in sum, will offer a kind of "temperature reading" on the policies and attitudes of our target countries.

2. General Faurer has endorsed this concept and has expressed interest in promoting a dialogue with other elements in the community. He regards all the items in the Monthly Report as expressing only the views of the Strategic Warning Staff, not as coordinated intelligence, but he welcomes statements of major substantive differences. Drafts of the overview section will be sent to production offices for comments prior to publication.

3. I would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have for improving the usefulness of the overview section or the Monthly Report in general.

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